

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Hill (Reg. No. 44,153) on 7/27/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

cancel claims 7 – 22 (claims 7 – 22 are previously withdrawn).

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The application has been amended as follows:

after "FIG. 7" (p. 10, line 1 of the specification) insert -- **(FIG. 7A and FIG. 7B)** --;

replace "the attorney docket number MONG-00-003" (p. 14, line 16) with --

Patent No. 6,892,225 --;

after "09/618,956" (spec. amendment on 8/24/2006; p. 2, line 4) insert -- , **now**

U.S. Pat. No. 7,895,334 --.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on 7/18/2011, claims 1 – 6 and 23 – 26 are in condition for allowance.

2. These limitations, in conjunction with the other limitations in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record.

A review of claims 1 – 6 and 23 – 26, in view of the Examiner's arguments above, indicates that claims 1 – 6 and 23 – 26 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R. Coulter whose telephone number is (571)272-3879. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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